

### REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 3, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, and 18-23 have been rewritten to remove multiple dependencies. After entry of this amendment, claims 1-23 are pending in the application.

The amendments are made to reduce the claim fees and/or conform the claims to U.S. law and practice. No new matter has been added by this amendment.


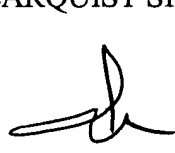
It is believed that this application is in condition for substantive examination. If any matters remain to be discussed prior to examination, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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